

[English]

Review of Schemes

863. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH :
PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA :
SHRI NITISH KUMAR :

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has been decided to review the various schemes relating to rural development as also the schemes relating to poverty alleviation;

(b) if so, the names of such schemes and the reasons for their review;

(c) the time by which the review report of the said schemes is likely to be presented;

(d) whether the Government propose to allocate more amount during the current year to States as compared to the last year for States various development programmes; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) to (c). Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation Schemes such as JRY, EAS, IRDP and Rural Water Supply and DPAP/DP are continuously reviewed through periodical reports, State level Coordination Committee Meetings, Project Director's Workshop etc. Moreover, review is also done through Area Officer scheme under which senior officers are assigned one or two states for review of schemes with a view to improve quality of implementation

Apart from this regular review, there is another proposal to review the schemes.

(d) and (e). Yes, proposals are under consideration for enhancement of allocations under rural development and poverty alleviation schemes during 1996-97 compared to 1995-96.

LPG Agencies

864 SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) the number of applications received for allotment of petrol pump/diesel pump and LPG gas agencies in Rajasthan, particularly in Jaipur;

(b) the number of applicant likely to be allotted petrol pump/diesel pump and LPG gas agencies;

(c) the reasons for the delay in sanctioning the same; and

(d) the time by which such allotment is likely to be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d). A large number of applications have been received by Oil Marketing Companies for 59 Retail Outlet dealerships and 47 LPG distributorships advertised in Rajasthan, out of which 5 Retail Outlet dealerships and 5 LPG distributorships pertain to District Jaipur. It normally takes 1 1/2 years for commissioning a dealership/distributorship after advertisement and selection of the dealer.

Petroleum Products

865. SHRI E. AHAMED : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any institution have conducted exploration work for finding out petroleum products in the country particularly in Kerala in recent years;

(b) if so, the criteria for getting funds to conduct such explorations;

(c) whether the Union Government is aware that the natural gas, which is a by-product of petroleum is being wasted in many of the refineries especially in Bombay and Cochin; and

(d) if so, the details and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Apart from the ONGC which has carried out exploration work in the Kerala onland and offshore areas, Govt. of India has also offered blocks to private parties in different parts of India including Kerala - Konkan offshore under the various bidding rounds. In ONGC funds for exploration are allocated on the basis of technical and commercial parameters.

(c) and (d) Natural Gas is not produced in a refinery. However, while processing crude oil in a refinery, some light gas called "refinery gas" is produced. This refinery gas is mostly utilized in refinery processes however, some minimum refinery gas has to be flared from technical and safety consideration in all refineries including those at Bombay and Cochin

[Translation]

Power Consumption

866 SHRIMTI SHEELA GAUTAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether eastern area of the country has 50% of the total hydel power capacity but only 2% capacity is being utilised in this area;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, and

(c) the special measures proposed to be taken to increase the percentage of utilization of hydel power capacity of that area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) The total potential for hydel power in the Eastern area, i.e., Eastern and North Eastern Regions, is 37447 MW at 60% load factor out of which 1232.67 MW (3.3%) has been developed and 1021.56 MW (2.7%) is under development.

(b) The level of utilisation of hydro potential is low especially in the North Eastern Region, due to low demand, power evacuation difficulties, opposition of some States to large hydro projects, law and order difficulties, inter-state aspects and environment and forest clearance problems.

(c) Some of the special measures taken by the Government towards harnessing the hydro potential are modification in the financial, administrative and legal procedures to attract private investment, creation of central/joint sector corporations, increase in outlay for development of hydro projects, increase in budgetary allocation for central/joint sector projects and arranging funds for hydel projects through external assistance.

[English]

Crude Oil

867 SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantity of crude oil being produced presently in the country,

(b) the production of crude oil likely to be achieved during the year 1996-97, and

(c) the locations where exploration of crude oil is being conducted at present in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) and (b) The crude oil production during 1995-96 was 35.19 MMT. The production is expected to be around 36 MMT during 1996-97.

(c) The exploration for hydrocarbons is being carried out in the following areas —

- West Coast Offshore including Gulf of Kutch, Deep Waters of Kerala-Konkan.
- East Coast Offshore
- Coastal areas of A.P. from Kakinada in the north to Nizamapatnam in the South
- Cauvery basin in Tamil Nadu including Union Territory of Pondicherry.
- Areas in Upper Assam, North Bank of Brahmaputra, Dhansiri Valley and Cachar in North East.

- West Bengal, Tripura, Bihar, Cambay Basin in Gujarat.
- Himalayan Foothills in H.P. and J and K.
- Vindhya/Gondwanas in M.P.
- Rajasthan.
- Saurashtra Offshore.
- Ganga Valley in U.P.

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Demand and Supply of Power

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868. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the position regarding supply and generation of power at the time of peak demand period during the last one year till June, 1996 in the country, State-wise;

(b) the present power-generation capacity of N.T.P.C. and other power-generating plants (Private and under Union Government) in the country, State-wise;

(c) the measures being taken to generate power to meet its demand in the country;

(d) the number of times the Madhya Pradesh Government have made a demand for installation of a gas based power plant in Madhya Pradesh; and

(e) the time by when the decision is likely to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) State-wise peak demand, peak met and the deficit in the country during July, 1995 to June, 1996 is given in the attached Statement - I.

(b) State-wise power generation capacity in the Central, State and Private Sectors in the country as on 31.03.96 is given in the attached Statement - II.

(c) Amongst the measures undertaken for increasing power generation are higher utilisation of installed capacity, monitoring the supply of proper quality and quantity of coal for thermal stations and modernisation and uprating of existing power stations. Besides, initiating schemes for reducing transmission and distribution losses, steps have also been undertaken for speedier implementation of ongoing projects in the public sector both at the Central and State levels. Participation of private sector is also being encouraged.

(d) and (e). Madhya Pradesh has submitted the following schemes for gas based power plants for techno-economic appraisal by Central Electricity